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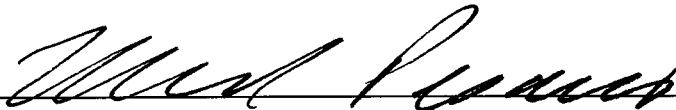
TO: Administrative Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Lambertus H. Becker, Interim Chief Financial Officer



SUBJECT: Resolution #06-470-2 to accept FTA 5313b and State Planning and Research-Partnership Planning grant funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution #06-470-2 authorizing SCAG to accept \$330,000 in FTA 5313b grant funds and \$300,000 in State Planning and Research-Partnership Planning grant funds, and authorize the Executive Director take the actions necessary to obtain the grant funds.

SUMMARY:

CALTRANS has awarded to SCAG \$330,000 in FTA 5313b grant funds and \$300,000 in State Planning and Research-Partnership Planning grant funds for the following projects:

Project Title	Grant Amount	Sub-recipients/Partners
Commuter Rail Station Needs Assessment	\$ 280,000	OCTA; RCTC
Downtown LA Freeway System Study	\$ 300,000	City of LA; MTA
Rising Stars in Transit-Internships for University Students	\$ 50,000	RCTC

Caltrans is requesting a Regional Council Resolution to accept the grant funds and include the projects in the FY 2005-2006 OWP.

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, Caltrans solicits applications statewide from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) and other local government and non-profit entities engaged in regional planning activities. For many of these categories, SCAG as the MPO for this region, must be the applicant, with cities, counties, public agencies, non-profits and Native American Tribal Governments as sub-recipients.

The listed grant applications were submitted to Caltrans in October 2004 with Regional Council authorization, and awarded by Caltrans May 31, 2005. Since the grants were awarded after the FY 2005-2006 OWP was submitted to Caltrans the projects were not initially included in the FY 2005-2006 OWP. Regional Council Resolution # 05-461-2, by which the Regional Council approved and adopted the FY

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2005-2006 OWP authorized the Executive Director to make administrative amendments to the OWP and the projects were submitted by SCAG as an Administrative Amendment to the FY 2005-2006 OWP in October 2005.

Caltrans is now requesting a separate Regional Council Resolution to accept the grant funds and include the projects in the FY 2005-2006 OWP. As noted above, the projects are reflected in an Administrative Amendment to the OWP submitted to Caltrans in October and also are included in formal Amendment 1 to the FY 2005-2006 OWP, which was approved by the Regional Council in November, 2005. Both these Amendments are pending Caltrans approval, which will not be given until Resolution #06-470-2 is approved by the Regional Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SCAG will receive an additional \$330,000 in FTA 5313b grant funds and \$300,000 in State Planning and Research-Partnership Planning grant funds on a cost reimbursement basis once the projects are amended into the OWP and all grant requirements are met. The required match for these projects will be provided by the project sub-recipient and partner agencies.

**RESOLUTION #06-470-2 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (FTA) 5313(b) and STATE PARTNERSHIP
PLANNING GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, only MPOs and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are eligible to receive FTA 5313(b) grant funds awarded by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) through an annual competitive selection process;

WHEREAS, CALTRANS has awarded to SCAG \$330,000 in FTA 5313b grant funds and \$300,000 in State Planning and Research-Partnership Planning grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the required local (non-Federal) cash or in-kind match will be provided by the project sub-recipient and partner agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG"), that SCAG does hereby approve acceptance of FTA 5313(b) and State Planning and Research grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the SCAG Executive Director or in his absence, the Deputy Executive Director is hereby designated and authorized to execute all related agreements on behalf of the Regional Council related to the FTA 5313(b) and State Planning and Research funds;
2. That the SCAG Executive Director or in his absence, the Deputy Executive Director is hereby designated and authorized to execute and submit the necessary documents for approval to the various participating State and Federal agencies to include the FTA 5313(b) and State Planning and Research funds in the appropriate year(s) OWP; and
3. That SCAG pledges to secure non-Federal cash or services, or both, for the matching funds necessary for financial assistance.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the [] vote of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this 5th day of January, 2006.

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